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LIMDIS, USMTN, PASS STR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS FROM KELLY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN OFFER ON TOBACCO

1. DURING LUNCHEON TODAY AT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE I REMINDED VIC GARLAND, AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIONS, OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT YOU ATTACHED IN YOUR FEBRUARY MEETING WITH HIM TO AUSTRALIAN OFFER ON TOBACCO. I SAID THAT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES REGARDED AMBASSADOR FOGARTY'S LETTER OF MARCH 22 TO AMBASSADOR MCDONALD ON THIS QUESTION AS AN INDICATION THAT AUSTRALIA WAS NOT PREPARED TO OFFER CONCESSIONS ON TOBACCO. HOWEVER, I INDICATED THAT I INTERPRETED THIS LETTER AS A WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF AUSTRALIA TO DISCUSS AND TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS QUESTION AND THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT

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AUSTRALIA MIGHT NOT WANT TO STATE ITS OFFER IN WRITING AT THIS TIME. GARLAND AGREED WITH THIS INTERPRETATION AND SAID THAT AUSTRALIA WAS INDEED PREPARED TO DO "SOMETHING" ON TOBACCO.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT GARLAND WILL BE SEATED NEXT TO YOU AT LUNCHEON ON APRIL 10 AND THAT AFTERWARDS YOU WILL MEET WITH

HIM PRIVATELY. I SUGGEST THAT YOU USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
SOUND HIM OUT ON THIS QUESTION. VANCE

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